

PUZZLE OF THE SHIRT WAIST.

A CHOICE NOT AN EASY THING TO MAKE THIS YEAR.

The variety great and attractive—Pretty white linen blouses—Shape of the sleeves—Some linen cuffs worn—Elaborate waists and their trimmings.

To any one less courageous and long suffering than a woman of fashion, the display of shirt waists, blouse waists, and every other kind of waist for sale in the shops and at every dressmaking establishment where imported novelties flourish, would be appalling; but she is not phased by any labyrinth of things to wear. She demands dozens of these dainty garments for her summer wardrobe and the more varied and elaborate the exhibition the more interesting it becomes.

The most puzzling feature of the situation, however, is how and where to draw the line of distinction between the commonplace, universal styles and the choice, exclusive and exceptional modes in blouses with which my lady wishes to distinguish herself from the common herd. Every kind of a dainty hand-made blouse is copied as nearly as possible in the machine-made article and so it behooves her to be original and individual in her selections.

In name, at least, the shirt waist is still with us but it has been improved in shape, beautified in decoration beyond all original intentions and has grown to be one of the most artistic, charming and useful members of a woman's outfit. How she ever managed to exist without it is one of the wonders of the age, which will never be solved as she is wise enough to cling to it all the rest of her days. She may be wise in her day and generation but not enough so to invent any substitute for this much prized article of dress.

In the simple blouse which bears out its name, for morning wear there is nothing prettier than the white linen very correctly cut and fitted and worn with the simplest, most becoming stock you can muster. Bands of fine linen, in white or color, joined with a fancy stitch, or narrow lace insertion and inset directly in front with a medallion of lace, make very attractive stocks.

In heavier linens there is a style called the "pejama blouse," very plain, very

they are finished with a narrow bow plait and a group of fine tucks at either side. Small white crocheted or pearl buttons are the fastening. The front is in groups of tucks with embroidered beading, which also outlines the seams between each group. The bishop sleeve is tucked down the back in the same way, and gathered into a tucked and lace-trimmed cuff. The stock should be made of the same in fine tucks with turn-over edges of lace, and a very tiny bow of the dimity. Little bits of feather bone hold the stock in place, as it has no lining of any sort. The ways of tucking and trimming may be varied to the limit, but in general this is a very good style blouse.

The blouse which bags all style is very smart, but it rather needs an elaborate surface decoration to make it effective. Absolutely plain material made in this way is not pretty. The blouse of thin silk, India lawn, very sheer in quality, linen, batiste, net, and lace, has a high place on the list of smart things in dress and is worn with silk and satin skirts regardless. A pretty white batiste blouse shows Valenciennes insertions in diamond design over the front with embroidery in dainty colors decorating each square. All sorts of designs in hand embroidery, lace insertions and motifs, with tucks in combination are wrought out on the blouse fronts, as all the most elaborate ones fasten in the back. White linen blouses with appliqué designs of pale blue linen outlined with embroidery or white braid are very stunning, and again you see white waists trimmed with narrow bands of blue joined by the open stitch. These may form a round yoke, and a design extending up into the blouse from the belt all around.

French mulls make lovely waists either

FORTUNES SPENT IN HOSIERY

AND MEN ARE AS EXTRAVAGANT AS WOMEN ABOUT FOOTWEAR.

Making Fine Stockings an Art Now—Loud Effects No Longer Tied—Black and White the Thing With a Monogram and Cuffs—White Socks for Men.

Perhaps there was a time when stockings were regarded merely as foot covering. Now they are, if not a religion, at least an art.

"The way the fine stocking game has grown and spread is simply marvellous," said a Fifth avenue dealer in ultra-fine hosiery the other day, as he contemplated with dreamy satisfaction a spider-web row of silk stockings labelled "Queen Victoria hose."

"A hundred pairs of silk stockings are sold to-day where one pair was sold ten years ago. I don't know whether it is an increase in the moneyed class that explains it, or merely an increasing extravagance, but the fact is there. Women want fine stockings to-day and will have them, and the men are following suit."

"Here on Fifth avenue we get a very swaggy trade and you would be surprised to see how lavishly our customers buy. The summer season is the best. Stockings are more in evidence in the summer. Short skirts show them off, and with the long, dainty summer gowns, slippers and stockings that aren't just the thing look so horribly out of place."

"Women come in here and buy summer hosiery by the dozen pairs, and not only the

when so many white stockings were sold as are being sold this season. We simply can't keep in stock. Men wear white with white socks and their white canvas shoes. Some men wear them with patent leathers, too, but with patent leathers the white socks with heavy black clocks or these white openwork socks embroidered in little black dots are the strictly correct thing."

"The same is true of women's stockings. We are selling innumerable white openwork stockings for women, either in silk or linen. You can get French lace as expensive as silk, you know, but it wears better and some people prefer the feeling of it. With the all-white frocks that women wear so much now, these white stockings, worn with patent leathers, are considered perfectly correct, but a good many of our customers think the plain white silk with the black clocks, and, possibly, a black monogram, much more stunning. With white socks all white stockings are best."

"For golfing there's a new fad. Here's a box of golf stockings that are going to a tremendous swell."

The golf stockings were in white silk or linen and embroidered in colors, not in lower silhouettes but in conventional or geometrical figures. Red, light blue, dark blue and green were the colors of the embroidery fashions.

"Those of the nearest approach to giddiness the fashionable woman's stockings show this season," commented the dealer, "but those are distinctly a go with the hyper-smart crowd. They tell me they are particularly fetching with the white linen or pique suits and with color matching the embroidery in a cravat and the other dinky things a woman wears."

"We used to sell any number of plain bright red stockings, but there isn't so much call for them now. A bright color that is in demand is green. We can't get enough plain emerald green silk stockings to fill our orders."

"What about evening stockings?" the reporter inquired.

"Well, of course, there are the light silks

NEEDS A DEN, LIKE HER LORD.

WOMAN HAS HER TIME OF STRESS WHEN WORRIES OVERPOWER.

But Then She Usually Has No Comfortable Resting Place Where She Can Be Undisturbed—Theory and Practice in Den—Real Rest That Man Would Like.

Why not a den for the woman as well as for the man? Every man has one nowadays. Sometimes he has it because he wants it. Sometimes he has it because his wife and the upholsterer agree that no happy home can be complete without one.

The theory is excellent. The practice is frequently fearful and wonderful. When a poor tired man returns to the bosom of his family after a day of honest toil, what he needs is a sweet repose. There must be no domestic jar, no friction. The sweetest of home must steal insensibly into his soul and smooth the wrinkles of strife and worry and nerve strain.

After his wife has met him at the door with the traditional smile, and he has eaten a good dinner, during which the children have sat around the festal board like a covey of freshly washed birds and beaming cherubs, father is to take his evening paper and his cigar and retreat to a cozy sanctum where hallowed peace shall surround him, and he shall digest his food in a mellow mood of drowsy serenity.

There's the theory. Incidentally it would fill with carried out make a monster of selfishness out of any normal man within three months, but, possibly because a

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few books. On the outside of the door hangs a large placard. One side bears the word "In." The other side is blank. The mistress of the house doesn't go to that room every day. She snatches liberally punctuated repose in her second-floor bedroom when she can, and goes about her thousand and one little duties cheerfully when she has strength and nerves for them. But sometimes there comes a day and an hour when her world is distinctly too much with her, when she is desperately tired and nervous and bothered, when the children rasp her nerves and the servants seem possessed of the devil and everything goes awry. Every woman knows those days.

She might avoid the children and the servants and go about looking like a thunder cloud. She might hold on to her amiability with both hands—have "a nigger sittin'"

was announced in addition to funds amounting to \$2,000 for various scholarships, first a gift of \$10,000 from the alumni for the erection of a recreation hall, to be known as the Helen Fairchild Smith Hall, in honor of Helen Smith, who has just completed her twenty-sixth year of active service at the college.

Then came a gift of \$50,000 from Henry A. Morgan of Aurora, treasurer of the Board of Trustees, for a new building, and another gift of \$25,000 from N. Lansing Zabriskie, President of the board, to equip the building. It was Mr. Morgan's father, John H. Morgan, who gave to the college an endowment of \$200,000.

Commencement week began at the college with the Sunday baccalaureate sermon preached by the Rev. Henry W. Hittchcock of Worcester, Mass. This was followed on Monday evening by an open air presentation of Tompkins' "The Princess," by the senior class.

The next day was given up to the Ivy planting and class day exercises, to a symphony concert, the alumni meeting and dinner and a dance given by the undergraduates.

Then came commencement day. Sixteen degrees were conferred and an address was delivered by Bliss Perry, editor of the *Atlantic Monthly*. The reports showed an increase in the college's credit balance and a wealth of fine student ranks.

Charles H. Russell of Brooklyn, Francis H. Baker, President of the Second National Bank of Manhattan, and Herbert Howland Seward, N. J., were chosen to fill vacancies in the Board of Trustees, and Mrs. Elbert L. Carpenter (Florence Welles, '87), was unanimously selected a trustee representing the graduates.

FOR SUMMER OUTDOORS.

The Sportsman's Outfitter—Rowing and Canoeing for Women.

Many pretty women are just now wringing their smooth foreheads in perplexity, while they are trying to decide just how many separate costumes they must have for cycling, golf, tennis, bathing, riding, motoring and shooting in addition to the numerous diaphanous and showy gowns.

No such questions of what to wear disturbed the calm mind of that classic creature, Diana of the Uxbridge, who took part in outdoor sports. She carefully threw her ample about her, put on her sandals, grasped her bow and arrows and was off like a shot, following the paths in the forest made by the nymphs and satyrs.

Her sisters of the twentieth century are less free and untrammelled. They do costumes made of brown tweed flecked with red, corduroy, or navy blue, and a long skirt of a short skirt full in the back and scant in front, reaching to about half way between the knee and the ankle.

The waists are usually of the Norfolk jacket type. For shooting expeditions, belts of leather are worn in which the cartridges are made expressly for women by the gun makers.

A brown Tyrol hat with heron plume at the side is the correct head gear, or a Tam of Shantair is worn, made of a cord of the same color with a quill or rosette, leggings and heavy waterproof boots are worn.

Equipped in this manner, these fair sports-women are ready to push their way through thickets and brambles in order to get a shot at the game which they are after. Beautifully finished, handsome and sturdy, these are made expressly for women by the gun makers.

Rowing is ideal exercise for girls who want to be healthy and graceful. It gives one of the best exercises for the body and limbs, all the muscles of the upper part of the body being brought well into play. It is a healthy and useful sport, and it is kept employed and the mind is not idle.

The following rules are always heeded by the skilful rowers. Keep the seat firmly seated on the seat, with the feet planted firmly, feather the oars neatly as it is brought out of the water. Avoid jerking the body forward if you wish to become a good rowman, and do not dip too deep. Do not get into the habit of round-back pulling. Don't let one shoulder rise above the other, or turn sideways.

Throw the chest out well, falling back gradually and without any jerk, and bringing the hands well up to your eyes. On the side of the chest when rowing against the tide, for there is found the least resistance.

Whatever the attractions on the bank may be, keep your eyes on your boat. Don't go in for long pulls in heavy boats. Taken in moderation, there is no better exercise for the body and mind than rowing. It is a healthy and useful sport, and it is kept employed and the mind is not idle.

Canoeing is a sport which every year appeals more and more to young women. The beauty of this sport is that it can be enjoyed on almost any sheet of water, from a small stream to a pond, or the ocean itself.

It is not only safe, but it is a sport recommended by the most experienced rowers. It is a healthy and useful sport, and it is kept employed and the mind is not idle.

The pleasure of the woman who voyages with only her own good conscience for company, there are canoees designed for small parties, and the most perfect of these is thirteen feet long, about a foot shorter than the usual canoeing canoe.

It is right and graceful, and is decked so as to be entirely safe in the water. Tours about New York include a voyage of discovery about Staten Island, or there are trips to Hempstead Harbor, the Jersey Bay and Spuytenwyld. One enthusiast says: "I cannot understand why the pier line of New York isn't out into scallops to make room for canoeing."

When the kind of canoeing is mastered, the exertion required is very much less than that of rowing, although at first the paddle is a very awkward and awkward to the support given by rowlocks. Feline curiosity is immensely gratified, so a mere man remarks, by facing from instead of looking up blindly against the scenery.

The exercise, so its advocates say, is much better worth while than that of landing gear, because the position is better. Paddling develops the chest wonderfully. Under paddle and under cruising canvas the canoe is the safest boat floating, its friends say.

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In plain color, white or flowered designs, one model in the latter showing a round yoke in alternate shirtings and lace insertion.

Among the models illustrated is a lace blouse in string color over white chiffon, with a finish of black velvet ribbon, the ends weighted by little tassels and a smart blouse of sheer net, tucked and finished with a guipure rounce and a rosette of turquoise chiffon. Another one is in ivory Japanese silk, hand tucked and trimmed with lace insertion. Maltese lace trims another Japanese silk blouse, while still another in this material is trimmed with guipure insertion.

Among the little accessories of the fash-



lonable blouse are the pins which are worn in the front and back of the stock. Any sort of a brooch, so it is not too large and you have two alike, answers the purpose. Small camoes are very pretty for this purpose, and old sleeve buttons with pins attached are often utilized in this way. Two fancy safety pins are pretty at the back with the stock, which requires no pin in front.

Another and more expensive accessory is the lace collar made to wear with the plain blouses of thin silk and sheer lawn. There are cuffs to match and the Irish lace is much employed for this purpose. The collars extend to the shoulders, rounding down to the waist line in front. As for belts, there is everything, but the ribbon in girdle form at the back is very much worn.

GERMLESS SCHOOL BOOKS.

Salt Lake's Precautions Against Spreading Disease Among Its Children.

A new ordinance has been adopted in Salt Lake City with the idea of preventing the disseminating of scarlet fever and diphtheria germs among school children.

Both diseases have recently been epidemic among the children in the city and the Board of Health decided that the germs travelled in the school books and other things carried by the pupils. The result has been the passage of an ordinance which is probably more stringent than any other of the kind ever adopted by any municipality.

It provides that none of the school books shall be covered with any material other than paper. In all schools in which there is a free distribution of books such books, after having once been used, must be recovered and thoroughly disinfected by the Board of Health. In most cases it is of the kind ever adopted by any municipality.

A student once having received a book shall keep it as long as that book is necessary for his studies.

It is unlawful for the schools to collect pencils, sponges or other articles used by the students for the purpose of redistributing them to other students.

A violation of any provision of the ordinance is punishable by a fine of \$25.

All Intelligent Women

should read the Kickerbaker Girl published Wednesday and before the Society and fashion are leading features—Adv.

rich women, but women who haven't large incomes spend a surprising amount of money on their stockings.

"There's one thing that is particularly noticeable this season. While buyers are plunging on quality and quantity they are much more conservative in their taste. The day of the loud stocking is over, at least for the present. We keep some giddy ones in stock, but our best customers will not have them."

"A few bright stockings in plain colors are called for by fastidious women, but none of what we call 'fancy stockings,' stripes and striking figures. The only elaborately designed stockings are embroidered by hand, inset with lace, and they are in quiet colors and designs, nothing flamboyant."

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to match gloves and to be worn with slippers of the same color, but the most popular dose was the fine black silk with lace designs set in. But real lace in and you can run the price up out of sight."

"Black lace is set in white silk, though that isn't so well liked. Then there are the embroidered black stockings. They come in very elaborate designs and sometimes of open work and embroidery. But here again there's nothing so chic as black and white. You'll see some stockings of embroidered in gold, silver and steel and various frothy effects, but the most modish women aren't the ones who go in for that sort of thing. They prefer the real lace that costs more and is more quietly elegant."

"We have customers here who think nothing of ten or fifteen dollars a pair for dress stockings, but the average pair for a dress stocking for general wear is from three to four dollars. Of course you can get cheaper ones. Two or three dollars will buy a pair."

"The good life is all imported, and formerly all our fine silk stockings were imported from abroad. But now they come from the water, but we are turning out exceedingly good silk stockings over here now, and improving upon them right along."

"How much the average fashionable woman spends on hosiery in a year?"

"It varies widely. Some women have a craze for fine stockings and some wealthy women are stingy in that particular thing; but, just taking our most fashionable set of customers and striking an average, I should say \$20 to \$30."

"Men spend a good deal, too, but the average man prefers lace to silk for general wear. The silk stockings and some women socks don't wear any time for him."

"Still men are good customers. They buy socks of all sorts and give their women folk. One Chicago man was here this week. He picked out several dozen stunning pairs of silk stockings for his wife and many for his daughter. He ordered them sent and paid the big bill without quivering."

"The row of airy nothingness did not subtly suggest the latest fashion. 'Well, you see, Queen Victoria always wore one kind of stockings,' explained the dealer. 'One special firm made them for her. The side embroidery, a sort of that you could draw them through a finger ring. You could do the same thing with these stockings. That's why I named them after her. Probably it isn't on account of the name, but there's really nothing more swell than these extraordinarily thin black silk stockings. They go to pieces quick. I won't attempt to deny that, but women who can afford to wear them don't mind that.'

"One customer bought two dozen pairs of them. When she went away last month, she sent back for another dozen this week. 'If you want to see the very top notch of style, so far as these fine black silk stockings are concerned, though, come here.' He took down a pile of boxes and put them on the counter."

"These are ready to go out," he said. "We are kept busy filling the orders, and they come in from the smartest of the smart set."

"Each box was full of black silk stockings of the Victoria quality. Upon the left stocking of each pair was embroidered a monogram in white silk. In most cases it was on the front of the ankle. Some stockings had it at the side."

"Customers buy a dozen pairs of these, at a time," said the dealer. "Occasionally they have the monogram in color, but white is the thing. We have a great many orders for black monograms on the white silk stockings, too. Some women who want the monograms for elegance, not for show have them worked at the knee. You see the men going for the same thing."

"He opened a box of black silk socks, heavier in weight than the stockings, but embroidered with white monograms in the same fashion."

"Those are going to one of the best dressers in the city. Here are some more of his."

"The second box held a half dozen pairs of all white socks, some in white silk, others in fine French lace openwork, and a half dozen pairs in white silk with heavy black silk clocks."

"What does he want with all those white things?"

"Fashion—the last word of fashion. There never was a time within my memory

beneficent Providence wants to avert such calamity, the theory never is carried out."

In the first place the average den would drive even the most primitive beast to the open field to growl over his bone. The man who evolved the proposition that because a man smokes in his theoretical den, a den should be conceived along Oriental lines, has much to answer for, and unless the American manufacturers of oriental stuffs and hangings, curtains and Venetian blinds and the armor expert in his favor, he will have difficulty in squaring himself with St. Peter.

"Why, in the name of all that is rational," asked a sufferer recently, "if a man must have a den thrust upon him, can't he have a comfortable, restful room, all hard wood and leather, no stuffy hangings to catch and hold stale smoke, no absurd oriental kickshaws cluttering space, no divans on which a middle-aged business man inclined to stoutness cannot make himself comfortable."

"Give the poor fellow a light, cheerful room with substantial, comfortable furniture, even if there can be little of it, a big table for magazines, a bookcase for a man's books, a good reading lamp, handy, serviceable smoking paraphernalia, a couch with a few cushions. Make it a room that the average woman would think bare, yet which contains every essential for a man's comfort. Put the fellow in the den, and he will be satisfied."

As there is always a scarcity of flowers in summer with the exception of the carnation, which seems to flourish all the year round, it is found to take its place in fashionable bouquets carried on the day of the coronation and as a corsage flower. This will give the blossom a boom among florists is likely.

"There has been a decided boom in carnations in the last year," said a Broadway florist. "Men ordering flowers for their wives and best men at weddings choose carnations frequently and we have made up many bouquets for brides and brides of honor of the white variety."

The flower has of course increased in beauty. The carnation you buy to-day is a different affair from that of five years ago. It has a great deal of character in its petals. It does not droop or even bend. It has an erect poise on its stalk, the separate petals of the flower sustain themselves upright from the center.

"At this time of the year flowers begin to get very scarce in market. It is all that we can do to supply decorative flowers for churches at the fashionable summer resorts. Private conservatories must be relied to help out the florists at all Newport functions."

"We are using the daisy quite freely now for decoration. For children's parties it is in favor. We have decorated churches entirely with daisies for some of the day-of-town weddings in country places. Then there have been functions at which wildflowers were used exclusively."

"The carnation, if it becomes fashionable, will always be more of a man's flower than a woman's favorite. While it makes an admirable bouquet for carrying, it is not a graceful corsage flower, although it seems made for a man's coat."

"It may seem surprising, but my observation of several years in business in New York makes me believe that men are fonder of flowers than women. That is, they regard them with more sentimental interest."

"Men will order flowers and will have standing orders for certain flowers that may not be decorative at all. For instance, one man will keep in the wild of finance has a passion for mignonette."

"A box of selected stalks of the giant variety of this old-fashioned flower goes to his home each day and while other flowers go to his, this special bunch is for him, and the finer it is the better he is pleased."

"He will take the trouble to stop in to compliment us on the excellence of the supply, its fragrance, and will best of its lasting qualities and praise it above all flowers. His fondness for this blossom is something like a craze."

"One Western sporting man comes in and buys up all the California violets in the place when he sees them in the window. He doesn't matter how much or how little we have to sell him."

"Men never skip in buying flowers. They always want something very fine and plenty of it, especially when they are sending flowers as a gift to a woman."

on the safety valve," so to speak, and wear herself out with the effort.

She doesn't do either. She stops. She goes to the third floor room, turns the placard so that she may read "In," shuts the door behind her and lies down on the comfortable couch. Every soul in the house understands that nothing save murder or sudden death is adequate excuse for tapping at that door. Only a sudden and desperate emergency disturbs the woman in her den. She rests, relaxes, finds herself, and, after a time, the third floor door opens. A tranquil, cheerful woman goes down stairs. The den is tenanted.

That is a wise woman. Her sisters might follow her example, but the den, like a habit, is a habit not to be abused. It should be a salutary medicine, not a promoter of selfishness, but every woman should have some nook or corner where she would be safe from intrusion. The mother's room tradition could be preserved unimpaired in other and more public quarters.

CARNATIONS IN FAVOR.

Popularity of the Flower Helped by King Edward's Wedding.

The carnation plant has been called the flower of destiny. Within the last few years it has risen from comparative obscurity to a position among the most highly cultivated blossoms of the conservatory.

And now the carnation is expected to be the dominant flower of the season, chosen to wear as a boutonniere in preference to the more fashionable gardenia, hyacinth and lily of the valley.

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